

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Shinoda et al.
Serial No.: to be assigned
Filed: concurrently herewith
For: *WET FLUE GAS DESULFURIZER
AND OXYGEN-CONTAINING GAS
BLOWING DEVICE FOR USE
THEREIN*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application and claim fee calculation, please enter the following amendment:

In the Title:

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-- OXYGEN-CONTAINING GAS BLOWING DEVICES --

In the Abstract:

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-- An oxygen-containing blowing device for use in a wet flue gas desulfurizer for removing SO₂ from combustion exhaust gas by wet desulfurization includes a fluid reservoir for an absorbing fluid equipped with a delivery pipe for discharging the absorbing fluid so that its discharge end is open in said fluid reservoir, and an oxygen feed nozzle for injecting an oxygen-containing gas disposed in the area of the discharged stream in the discharge end of the delivery pipe. --

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In the Specification:

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- - Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/185,803 filed November 4, 1998, allowed, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-5.

11. (Amended) A wet flue gas desulfurizer equipped with an oxygen-containing gas blowing device as claimed in claim 6 [any of claims 6 to 10].

Remarks

The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/185,803 filed November 4, 1998. These claims generally encompass oxygen-containing gas blowing devices.

Substantive examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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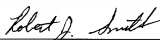
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